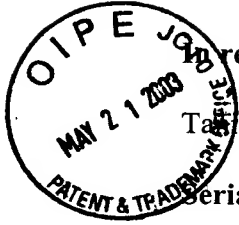


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Re Application of

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Honorable Commissioner of Patents
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 24, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Claims 1-19 are all the claims presently pending in the application. The title and claims 1, 7 and 8 have been amended to clarify the invention and claims 9-19 have been added. Claims 1, 9, and 18 are independent.

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AMENDMENTS TO THE TITLE:

Please replace the title with the following:

“MAGNETIC BEARING MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL DEVICE”